



LEWIS NIXON ADMITS A GAMBLING COMBINE

Judge Cowing Flays the Police for Inefficiency and Warns New Grand Jury to "Let No Guilty Man Escape."

A scathing indictment of the police force was delivered by Judge Cowing today when instructing the Grand Jury in Part I. of General Sessions.

He declared the department was "willfully blind" and that many criminals "go unwhipped of justice."

The Grand Jury was impaneled, with Maynard Hollister, a linen merchant, of 71 Worth street, as foreman. He has been a member of former Grand Juries.

After instructing the Grand Jury as to their duties and directing that they first investigate four or five hundred complaints which have accumulated during the Christmas holidays, Judge Cowing said:

"But at this special term I want to draw your attention to a class of cases which is generally believed in the community go unwhipped of justice. If, as I said before, the police force is willfully blind, who is to measure in this great city of ours the duty that is imposed upon them? It is believed that there has been too much blindness, too much deafness to willful violations of the criminal law in this community."

People Must Insist.

"It is generally thought that the time has come when the people must insist for their own protection that the criminal law is observed as it should be. I have no doubt that so far as it is in your power you will see that these persons who violate the law, be they black or low, whatever their political affiliations or religious proclivities, be punished."

Assessment UP \$2,000,000.

Commissioners One Hope Lies in Big Personal Collection.

Tax Commissioner Feltner announced today that the city's personal property assessment had been increased \$2,000,000.

It is said that this is Tammany's plan to make a low tax rate and consequent good showing before the voters at the coming election.

Since the announcement that the tax rate was likely to be 30 points higher than last year, the Tax Commissioners have been figuring upon a method to meet the increase of \$7,000,000 in the budget without going before the public with a tax rate of 24.

Unless there is going to be a great deal of "sweeping off" personal taxes from the source will be so large that it will not be necessary to put twenty points extra on the tax rate.

During the past few years, however, it has been found almost impossible to collect personal taxes. Millionaires who are liberally assessed simply go before the Commissioners and swear they don't own the property they are credited with. The Commissioners themselves reduce the assessment the aggrieved parties go into the courts and have it cut down or establish residence elsewhere, thereby depriving New York of any of their wealth.

The Commissioners don't want to face the unpopular task of a twenty-point raise in the tax rate will bring upon the administration in the year of a municipal election and they will make a determined effort to collect more personal taxes than ever before.

The books will be opened to the public on Monday next, when it will be seen what the exact valuations are.

SAYS LANDLORD BEAT HIM.

Missionary Declares It Was in Reply to a Complaint.

Clauncey T. Nash, a missionary, came to Brooklyn from Massachusetts and rented quarters from Frank Swanton, at 22 Fulton street.

Last Saturday night a complaint as to lack of heat was made to the landlord, according to Nash's statement today, belabored him with his fists. When he got tired Swanton turned Nash over to another one of his lodgers, who began what Swanton left off. The missionary made his complaint today to the Adams Street court. Nash thinks there are dark spots in Brooklyn which need the efforts of evangelism.

En Route to California.

The Pennsylvania Limited between New York and Philadelphia has been delayed for some time.

NEW GRAND JURY WHICH WILL AID TO CRUSH CRIME.

The members of the new Grand Jury impaneled by Judge Cowing to-day are:

MAYNARD HOLLISTER (foreman), merchant, 71 Worth street.
JAMES S. KEARNEY, agent, 417 Produce Exchange.
DENNIS W. MORAN, stone dealer, 280 Broadway.
JOHN J. CLARKE, smith, 900 First avenue.
EVERETT J. WENDELL, merchant, 8 East 38th street.
ROBERT W. W. STUART, banker, 43 Exchange place.
OSGOOD WELSH, merchant, 43 Cedar street.
WILLIAM A. MARTIN, real estate, 50 East 125th street.
GEORGE LAWDER, painter, 306 East 58th street.
WILLIAM E. BABCOCK, dry goods, 109 Worth street.
GEORGE WICHELLUS, grocer, 343 Hudson street.
JAMES O'CONNELL, undertaker, 131 East 106th street.
JOHN WICK, stores, 605 Eighth avenue.
HENRY W. GREENWOOD, retired, 222 West 23d street.
HERBERT L. GRIGGS, banker, 15 Wall street.
JEREMIAH M. MARTIN, real estate, 436 Lenox avenue.
AARON S. THOMAS, shoes, 133 West 73d street.
MEYER THALMESSINGER, Vice-President, 135 Grand street.
THOMAS K. FRASER, retired, 20 West 22d street.
WILLIAM G. MURPHY, broker, 2 Wall street.
EDWIN N. DOLL, tailor, 140 Nassau street.
DAVID L. KIRBY, insurance, 111 Broadway.
WILLIAM DE FOREST HAYNES, merchant, 24 Thomas street.

"He who violates the law must expect to meet the punishment for so doing. The smaller crimes, perhaps, are not thought much of, but they work terrible."

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NIXON REFUSES TO GIVE NAMES OF VICE PROTECTORS

Chairman Nixon of the Tammany Committee of Five was asked by an Evening World reporter after the meeting this afternoon if he would give the names of the persons who are accused of offering protection to gambling houses and representing that they had the power to protect from Tammany Hall.

"I am not hunting these people with a brass band," he replied.

"Would you accept the office of Police Commissioner under the present law?" he was asked.

"Under no circumstances, positively not," he answered emphatically.

CHIEF DEVERY MUST TESTIFY.

When the trial of Capt. John D. Herlihy was resumed at 4 o'clock this afternoon before the Police Commissioners ex-Judge Olcott asked Mr. Grant, the Captain's lawyer, whether he would admit that Herlihy never asked Devery or any deputy chief for a warrant to close resorts in the "red light" district.

Mr. Grant replied that he would not. Mr. Olcott then said he would have to call the chief to the stand.

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS.

FIFTH RACE—Horsehoe Tobacco 1. Alpaca 2. Bean 3.

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All records were broken in the stock market again to-day, and the two-million mark in sales was passed by a big margin.

The total sales of stock for the whole day was over 2,260,000, and of bonds \$3,718,000. The previous record was 1,873,000 shares, recorded last Friday.

It was a remarkable day. The first hour saw the most reckless unloading of stock for taking of profits ever seen in Wall street. Big changes in prices resulted.

The absorbing power of the market was extraordinary, and later prices advanced. Delaware and Hudson went up 14 points, and Baltimore & Ohio went up 5-8, the latter reacting.

Speculators who had been lucky enough to get into the market before the phenomenal rise of the latter part of the week were eager sellers to take profits at the opening.

The advance in prices had been so large and so sudden and the resulting profits represented such large amounts of money that even the most aspiring speculator was eager to skim the cream off the situation and convert the sudden wealth into hard cash.

Tumble in Some Stocks.

The eagerness of this class to seize the occasion was the cause of sudden and violent relapses in prices in nearly all the stocks which have had the biggest advances. The consequence of the speculative unloading was successive drops of a half to a point in prices and resulting extreme declines running up to 5 points.

Tennessee Coal lost that amount and New Jersey Central after an opening rise of a point, dropped 5 on two successive sales. Northern Pacific was forced to 2-5-8 below Saturday and Pennsylvania 2 points. The reaction reached 2 to 2-1-2 in Reading, Rock Island, Atchafalpa, preferred, St. Paul, Erie first preferred and Delaware & Hudson, 1-1-2 in Reading and second preferred, and a point or more in Baltimore & Ohio and a large number of active stocks.

There were plenty of opening advances ranging from 1 to 2 points for important stocks, including Baltimore & Ohio, the Tobacco, Erie, Texas & Pacific, Ontario & Western and Tin Plate, while Reading common was rushed up nearly 5 points.

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Tammany, Terrified, Makes a Defense Through the Committee of Five—Big Money Paid by Gamblers, but None Reached the Chiefs.

Chairman Lewis Nixon, of the Tammany Five, read a statement at the meeting of that committee this afternoon, which, he said, covered every point in which there was any controversy.

Mr. Nixon said in effect that the committee had found out that a "combine" was collecting big money from gambling house keepers in the name of Tammany Hall, the Parkhurst and Comstock societies for protection, but that the "combine" pocketed this money and had no power to give protection, but were plainly swindling their dupes.

Mr. Nixon didn't tell who composed the combine, nor who received the money.

And though he said the "combine" had no power to protect their dupes, he failed to tell who did protect them in their law-breaking-though he and his committee have repeatedly admitted that the gambling-houses were protected by some one.

Here is the statement read to the press by Chairman Nixon in this morning's papers and in the afternoon extras, make necessary some reply from me. In the first place I have never publicly mentioned by name any leader of a district as being connected with the "combine." Had I become possessed of a proof implicating any leader I should have immediately presented it to the Executive Committee of Tammany Hall.

"We are in a fair way to get the evidence against those responsible for certain abuses. So far all that has been obtained has been turned over to Mr. Platt and to be transmitted to the District-Attorney and, naturally, I shall not discuss it until he has passed upon it."

"As stated in a former interview there is an organization of men known as 'the combine,' that is organized for systematic blackmail, and they cloak their workings by pretending to be paying Tammany Hall the money they collect for the protection they are supposed to furnish in its name."

"For years these men have been in this business, and no matter what party is in power, the same brazen disregard of all law has been apparent, and immunity from arrest has been sold."

"I have gone on the principle that when the men conduct gambling establishments here who have paid these men for protection learn that this money was obtained by the combine, they would make the town too hot to hold them."

"While what they designate a 'swindler' is held in greatest contempt, at the same time, when they see that they have been deliberately swindled, they will be of the opinion that punishment should be inflicted."

"The way the gambling business is worked is that practically all houses pay \$25 per week and \$100 per month, and those not belonging to the combine must pay in addition a large percentage of their receipts."

"From the 1st to the 5th of each month men may be seen going to the houses of the man who receives this money to pay their portions, though the \$25 per week and the \$100 per month are collected in the districts."

"In addition to this and to still further protect the men who run these

places a certain sum is collected monthly to square the Parkhurst, Comstock and Huckle Society (British); while there may be one or two agents of these societies who are corrupt, practically the whole of this money is retained by the men who collect it. And these societies are worthy the confidence of the community."

"The men who wish to open places know whom to see, and having found that certain men who act in defiance of the combine's orders are given short shrift, are naturally inclined to believe that these men do collect this money on account of Tammany Hall, and that if matters reach a climax this organization will protect them."

"This accounts for the almost defiant attitude of the gamblers, who thought the money really went 'higher up,' and the instant obedience of those in the ring, who, with guilty consciences, if they have any consciences, knew that no protection could be obtained."

"Mr. Croker has not received one cent of this blood money."

Judge McQuade assured me this morning that none of the money has been received by him as treasurer of Tammany Hall.

Learning that a number of extra assessments, aggregating about \$1,000 each, were levied upon the gambling houses and pool-rooms under the guise of political assessments just before the last election, I take this occasion to say that this money was not paid to Tammany Hall and that the men who paid it were swindled by those who levied it, and I make this statement upon the authority of the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Treasurer of Tammany Hall.

JURY DISAGREED IN THE M'DONALD CASE.

Gambler Released on \$5,000 Bail, but Immediately Rearrested.

The Coroner's Jury in the inquest over the body of George Price, killed by Miles McDonald, the gambler in a battle in a Harlem cafe, disagreed. Eight of the jurors stood for acquittal and four for a verdict of murder.

The eight maintained that the gambler had acted in self-defense and the others that the assault by him was unprovoked.

The verdict was a divisional verdict. Eight jurors found that "George Price came to his death by a pistol shot wound in the abdomen, the pistol being in the hands of Miles McDonald, in self-defense."

Lawyer Levy moved that his client be discharged, but the District-Attorney asked that he be held in \$10,000 bail. The Coroner fixed the bail at \$5,000, which was furnished by John Hascome, of City Island.

Mrs. McDonald rushed forward and kissed her husband, but he was immediately rearrested on a charge of felonious assault preferred by Police Capt. Dean on behalf of Edward Courtney, one of the men wounded by McDonald. Hascome said he would furnish the bail for this also.

The first witness to-day was Joseph McDonald, one of the witnesses of the Onawa row. He lives at 318 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street.

"I heard Kennedy say to George Price: 'You know anything speak it out.' Then I saw Kennedy draw a revolver from his right-hand coat pocket. McDonald grabbed his hand, thrust it up in the air and the revolver went off twice."

Dr. Albert T. Weston, the Coroner's physician, who performed the autopsy on Price's body, was shown the coat worn by McDonald when the shooting occurred. The coat-shot hole in the coat, the witness testified, must have been made by the man who wore the coat discharging the pistol. He said: "You mean that McDonald must have fired the shot into his own coat?"

"I mean the man who wore the coat must have fired the shot that made the bullet hole," was the answer.

MRS. LEASE WON'T QUIT PUBLIC LIFE.

"Greatest Living Stateswoman" Is Silent About Her Divorce Suit.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lease, the "greatest living American stateswoman," late of Kansas, denied that she will retire from the strenuous life of the lecture platform, to an Evening World reporter when he called at her flat, 50 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street, this afternoon.

"Is it true," she was asked, "that you have become reconciled to your husband, and will yourself retire from public life and settle down to domesticity?"

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lease, who never "talks," but "delivers an oration," looked indignant, then declared:

"I have no intention of dropping out of public life. On the contrary, I intend to be more active than ever, if that were possible. I am booked solidly with dates for my lecture tour until a year from next May. I shall go as far West as California."

"Any woman with pronounced views upon political, economic and other public questions can never retire from public life."

"As to your other question, I do not care to say anything about the legal proceedings begun by me against my husband. If the proceedings have been dropped the court records will show."

"I am here with my four children. Charles H. Lease, my eldest son, is a clerk in the Custom House. My eldest daughter has a good place as a teacher in Public School No. 5 in Edgecombe avenue; my younger son, Ben, is in the City College, and is of great help to me as my secretary, attending to all my bookings for lectures and my younger daughter is attending school in the city. We are very happy. Surely the public can be interested in us no further than that."

Row Over Free Lunch Fatal.

Tucker Dead from Wound Received in Saloon Fight.

Arthur Tucker, who was shot in the stomach by Terence Boylan, the bartender, in the saloon at 235 First avenue, Dec. 21, died in Harlem Hospital this afternoon as a result of his injuries.

Tucker, with several others, went into the saloon, called for drinks and then went to the free lunch counter. They consumed what the bartender thought was a dinner order, and when Tucker called for more he refused. Tucker insisted, and it is claimed, Boylan came from behind the bar and drew a pistol and fired.

He was released on \$1,500 bail, but will be promptly re-arrested and held on a charge of homicide. Tucker was twenty-one years old.

Roosevelt Starts West.

Vice-President-Elect Roosevelt arrived at the Long Island City station this afternoon on the train which left Oyster Bay at 2:15. He refused to answer any inquiry as to his destination or how long he expected to be gone.

His baggage comprised one Saratoga trunk, a dress-suit case and a gun case. He is bound West to hunt mountain lions.

HAZING PENALTY IN NEW ARMY BILL.

West Point Cadets Found Guilty of the Practice Will be Expelled.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—To the pending army reorganization bill, Senator Vest of Missouri to-day offered the following amendment:

"The officers in charge of the West Point Military Academy shall make an

enforce such rules and regulations as will prevent the practice of hazing, and any cadet found guilty of participating in such practice shall be expelled from the academy and shall not be reappointed to the corps of cadets therein."

COUNCIL NEARLY BROKE LAW

Finally Holds Meeting in Accordance with the Charter.

The Municipal Council to-day came very near violating section 29 of the charter, which directs that it shall hold a meeting at noon on the first Monday in January each year.

Fifteen members are necessary to form a quorum, but only fourteen presented themselves. Just one-half of the total number of members of the board. The fourteen waited for nearly an hour, and then Councilman Bodine arrived and the meeting was held.

President Guggenheimer appointed a committee, consisting of Councilmen Goodwin, Brice and Connolly, to wait on the Mayor and ask him if his annual message was ready. The Mayor told the committee that he would communicate with the Council later, and the meeting adjourned.

M'KINLEY ILL WITH A COLD.

Attack Declared Not Serious, but Callers Cannot See Him.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—President McKinley has a slight cold to-day and is denying himself to all callers. The cold is not serious and will not interfere with the reception of the Diplomatic Corps to be given at the White House Wednesday night.

The President and Mrs. McKinley have abandoned their proposed trip to Canton Thursday, where they were going to attend the funeral of the late Assistant Paymaster of the Navy Fleet, who was a nephew of Mrs. McKinley.

DELL BILLS NOT READY.

Governor Back in Albany Without Proposed New Measures.

ALBANY, Jan. 7.—Gov. Odell was at the Executive Chamber to-day, having returned from New York City, where he conferred with Senator Platt and prominent Republican legislators on proposed legislation which he recommended in his annual message to the Legislature.

Many of the bills of the contemplated measures, but it was stated at the Executive Chamber to-day that they will probably be introduced in the Legislature this or next week.

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FEAR WITNESS IS KIDNAPPED.

Detectives Are Seeking Thomas Minnock for Bellevue Testimony.

Headquarters detectives have been searching for Thomas J. Minnock, the reporter who appeared as a witness against the nurses in Bellevue Hospital in the Hurlard case.

For three days they have looked for him unsuccessfully.

Minnock is wanted to go before the Grand Jury and testify in order that indictments may be secured against the nurses whom he accused at the investigation of brutally ill-treating Hurlard.

It is feared that he has been spirited away by persons who are interested in preventing him from giving testimony.

KILLED IN BILLIARD-ROOM.

George O'Hara, the young man who was shot by David Cantor in the latter's billiard parlors, at 228 Broadway, last night, died in the J. Hood Wright Hospital this afternoon.

O'Hara made an ante-mortem statement to Coroner Zucora. Cantor was arrested and held without bail.

MORGAN NOW IN ELECTRIC LIGHT

Financier Heads Syndicate That Absorbs Boston Concerns.

BOSTON, Jan. 7.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Boston Electric Light Company, held in this city to-day, it was voted to lease the property of the company to a new organization to be formed by J. P. Morgan & Co. for a term of not more than ninety-nine years at an annual rental of 10 per cent.

The stockholders of the Edison Electric Light Company, it is understood, at their next meeting will take similar action, which will result in a consolidation of the Boston electric lighting interests.

FAMILY OF FIVE BURNED.

BUFFALO, Jan. 7.—The residence of Edward H. Taylor, at Model City, near Lewiston, was burned early to-day. Taylor, his wife and three small children, the eldest only five years of age, perished in the flames.

Railway Prospects for the General.

An instance of the progressive character of Pennsylvania Railroad in improving its methods and superior equipment.